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Voting Body Action

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Executive Director



Constituent of The American
Nurses Association

NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

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November 23, 1987

TO: Councils and Committees
Executive Committees, NYSNA Clinical Practice
and Functional Units
Chairs, Councils of Nursing Practitioners
Presidents and Executive Directors, Constituent
District Nurses Associations

FROM: Martha L. Orr, Executive Director

RE: 1987 NYSNA VOTING BODY ACTION AND RELATED INFORMATION

NYSNA Voting Body action provides focus and direction for Association activity throughout the ensuing year. To assist you in interpreting and responding to this action as you implement the specific responsibilities of your organizational leadership position, we enclose copies of:

1. Bylaws amendments
2. 1988 Legislative Program
3. Resolution on Organizational Mission
4. Resolution on Improvement of Working Conditions for Registered Professional Nurses
5. Resolution on Improvement of Practice Conditions for Registered Professional Nurses
6. Resolution on Funding for Nursing Services
7. Resolution on Increasing Awareness of Current Nursing Roles and Practice
8. Resolution on Inclusion of Memorial Statue of Nurse in Vietnam Memorial
9. 1987 election results

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10. Roster of NYSNA Board of Directors

11. Schedule of 1988 Board of Directors meetings and Policy
on Open Board Meetings

We deeply appreciate your contribution to the success of
convention, and welcome your continuing involvement and
leadership.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the enclosed
materials.

Best wishes for the holidays.

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Enclosures

cc: Board of Directors
Presidents and Executive Directors, ANA Constituent
State Nurses Associations, and ANA

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THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS APPROVED BY 1987 VOTING BODY

The 1987 Voting Body approved the following proposed amendments to the NYSNA bylaws.

Italics denote language to be added.

Article IV - Board of Directors, Section 3 - Functions

Addition of new letter "g" -

- g) Establish special committees as needed.*

(Reletter remaining functions accordingly.)

Article V - Officers and Directors, Section 10 - Vacancies

Addition of new letter "c" -

- c) Absence from two consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be cause for declaring a vacancy in the Board position. Such vacancy shall be declared by majority vote of the Board of Directors.*

Article VIII - Clinical and Functional Units, Section 1

Section 1.

- a) Clinical and functional units are established by the Board of Directors to assist individual members to improve professional practice and development within a specific clinical or functional area.*
- b) A clinical practice unit may be established by the Board of Directors in any area of specialty nursing practice for which the Board determines that there is need and sufficient interest of members.*
- c) A functional unit may be established by the Board of Directors in any area of functional role for which the Board determines that there is need and sufficient interest of members.*

Article VIII - Clinical and Functional Units, Sections 5 & 6

Deletion of Sections 5 and 6 and renumbering of subsequent sections accordingly. (Sections 5 and 6 name the units.)

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Article VIII - Clinical and Functional Units, Section 9 - Vacancies

Addition of new letter "c" -

- c) Absence from two consecutive regular meetings of an executive committee shall be cause for declaring a vacancy in the position. Such vacancy shall be declared by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article XVII - Constituent District Nurses Associations, Section 2(b)

- b) A majority of the members of this Association residing in the area to be changed have requested such change in writing.

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THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

1988 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

- I. Enact Entry Into Practice legislation which upgrades and standardizes nursing education within institutions of higher learning, maintaining the two existing careers, registered professional nurse and licensed practical nurse.

The legislation shall encompass the following principles:

Entry into professional nursing practice will be at the minimum of the baccalaureate level.

The legal definition of professional nursing will be "diagnosing and treating human responses to actual or potential health problems through such services as case finding, health teaching, health counseling and provision of care supportive to or restorative of life and well-being."

Entry into licensed practical nursing will be at the associate degree level.

The legal definition of licensed practical nursing will be "executing functions in the treatment of human responses to actual or potential health problems within the framework of case finding, health teaching, health counseling and provision of supportive and restorative care, in keeping with a nursing regimen established by a licensed or otherwise legally authorized registered professional nurse."

A grandfather mechanism will protect all registered professional nurses and licensed practical nurses licensed prior to the date the bill becomes law.

- II. Protect the Nurse Practice Act from inappropriate revision or amendment.

Preserve the integrity of the Act.

Protect the scope of practice of all nurses.

Continue to affirm registered professional nurses' authority to provide primary health care services.

Maintain a single legal title for the practice of professional nursing.

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Preserve the profession's authority to identify specialty practice, titles and credentials through certification and other voluntary self-regulatory activities.

III. Encourage and support legislative measures to increase state funding for nursing education and any other legislative initiatives to promote recruitment and retention of nurses in New York State.

IV. Monitor and influence state and federal legislative proposals affecting health care issues, the public good and the nursing profession. Current support includes but is not limited to equal rights, pay equity and comparable worth, protection of the health of vulnerable populations, and efforts to control domestic violence.

Approved by the NYSNA 1987 Voting Body, October 1987.

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THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION ON ORGANIZATIONAL MISSION
Approved by the 1987 NYSNA Voting Body

- WHEREAS, state nurses associations were envisioned by nursing's early leaders as the last link in the chain of their plan for a national self-governing organization of professional nurses;
- WHEREAS, the New York State Nurses Association, as the first state nurses association in the country, embraced as its primary purpose securing legal recognition of nursing as a profession in order to better serve society;
- WHEREAS, the New York State Nurses Association since its founding in 1901 has adhered to its purpose and has cooperated with ANA and other state nurses associations in carrying out the organization's original mission;
- WHEREAS, the 1987 ANA House of Delegates voted to change the nature, composition and mission of the original organization of professional nurses; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that NYSNA remain committed to preserve and maintain the historic nature, mission and goals of the New York State Nurses Association as the professional association for registered nurses in New York State, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that NYSNA and its delegates to the 1988 ANA House of Delegates pursue all available means to reinstate ANA's original mission and purpose as a national self-governing organization of professional nurses and to maintain the constituent SNAs as organizations of registered professional nurses, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that a report of progress toward achievement of these goals, the proposed NYSNA bylaws amendments and the resolution related to withdrawal from ANA be submitted to the 1988 NYSNA Voting Body.

THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION ON IMPROVEMENT OF WORKING CONDITIONS
FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES
Approved by the 1987 NYSNA Voting Body

- WHEREAS, the goal of nurses is to provide quality care;
- WHEREAS, the working conditions of registered nurses must be such that they are conducive to providing that care;
- WHEREAS, today's health care environment severely limits that ability of RNs to deliver care of high quality;
- WHEREAS, the effect of the nursing shortage is to dehumanize registered nurses by placing them in deplorable working conditions; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the NYSNA Council on Human Rights investigate the inhumane working conditions of RNs, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the NYSNA Council on Human Rights and the Economic and General Welfare Program undertake activities to: facilitate the improvement of working conditions for all RNs; and support all RNs in their struggle to provide safe and humane care to their patients.

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THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION ON IMPROVEMENT OF PRACTICE CONDITIONS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

Approved by the 1987 NYSNA Voting Body

WHEREAS, the nursing shortage has resulted in increasingly unsafe professional-nurse-to-patient ratios, abuse of mandatory and voluntary overtime and other staffing conditions which undermine the very essence of nursing practice;

WHEREAS, the increased patient acuity which has resulted from the implementation of new systems of health care reimbursement and other cost-cutting measures demands even more intensive care than was required before such implementation;

WHEREAS, these conditions jeopardize the professional nurse's ability to deliver safe and effective nursing care as required by the New York State Nurse Practice Act and create conflict regarding the livelihood of registered professional nurses; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that NYSNA: widely publicize current practice conditions; vigorously work toward the resolution of unsafe conditions; and demand that existing professional and regulatory mechanisms be appropriately implemented to ensure that patients receive the safe professional care of high quality to which they are entitled.

THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION ON FUNDING FOR NURSING SERVICES

Approved by the 1987 NYSNA Voting Body

WHEREAS, the current New York State reimbursement methodology fails to separately address the cost of nursing services, and the result of such failure is inadequate funding for nursing services; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that NYSNA: investigate and pursue the means to unbundle such costs; and undertake efforts to ensure that increased funding that would result from such unbundling be used to improve nursing services and nurses' salaries.

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THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION ON INCREASING AWARENESS OF CURRENT
NURSING ROLES AND PRACTICE

Approved by the 1987 NYSNA Voting Body

WHEREAS, the general public and many consumers of nursing care continue to harbor outdated and stereotyped images of nurses and nursing practice, and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to promote innovative and creative approaches to assist the public in understanding current nursing practice, and

WHEREAS, the NYSNA Consumer Advisory Council was established in 1972 to assist in communicating to the public the Association's aims in nursing education, practice and research; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that NYSNA and its Consumer Advisory Council encourage the constituent district nurses associations to establish local consumer advisory councils, and be it further

RESOLVED, that NYSNA and its Consumer Advisory Council encourage and facilitate individual nurses' involvement with local community and consumer groups in order to promote public awareness of current nursing practice and the complex issues and concerns nurses face today.

THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION ON INCLUSION OF MEMORIAL STATUE OF NURSE
IN VIETNAM MEMORIAL

Approved by the 1987 NYSNA Voting Body

WHEREAS, the significant contribution of women, the vast majority of whom were nurses, who served in Vietnam in and with the military has not been sufficiently recognized;

WHEREAS, the Fine Arts Commission of the National Gallery of Art disapproved the proposed inclusion in the Vietnam Memorial of the statue of a female nurse designed to offer tribute to women who served in Vietnam in and with the military, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New York State Nurses Association communicate to the Chairman of the Fine Arts Commission its strong objection to the Commission's decision to exclude the statue from the Memorial.

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1987 ELECTION RESULTS

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THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

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October 1987 - October 1988

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1988 MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday and Friday, January 21 and 22, 1988

Thursday and Friday, March 17 and 18, 1988

Wednesday and Thursday, May 18 and 19, 1988

Thursday, July 14, 1988

Thursday and Friday, September 15 and 16, 1988

Policies Governing Open Board Meetings

Meetings of the NYSNA Board of Directors are open to Association members. The Board of Directors encourages membership attendance at Board meetings as a valuable means of understanding the scope of Association responsibility for issues confronting the profession, roles and relationships within the organization and Association relationships with other organizations.

Policies governing attendance at Board meetings include these provisions:

1. A member desiring to attend a Board meeting shall so notify the chairman of the Board not less than 30 days prior to the scheduled meeting date.
2. Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors shall be at the expense of the individual.
3. No more than 10 persons may attend a stated Board meeting. Should requests exceed this number, they will be accepted in the order received for the next scheduled meeting(s).
4. Members attending a meeting of the Board of Directors shall have no voice in or vote on the deliberations of the Board of Directors.
5. The dates, times and places of meetings of the New York State Nurses Association's Board of Directors shall be carried in REPORT, the official newsletter of the Association.
6. The Board of Directors retains the right to meet at any time in closed Executive Session should this be deemed necessary or appropriate.
7. The Board of Directors may, for circumstances deemed necessary, cancel and/or reschedule a meeting. Should this happen, every reasonable effort will be made to notify those who have indicated an intent to attend. However, neither the Board of Directors nor the New York State Nurses Association shall assume responsibility for any inconvenience or cost incurred by a member for failure to receive notice of the change in meeting date.
8. All policies pertaining to attendance at meetings of the New York State Nurses Association's Board of Directors are subject to change at the Board's discretion.

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NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

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November 21, 1986

TO: Councils and Committees
Executive Committees, NYSNA Clinical Practice and
Functional Units
Chairs, Councils of Nursing Practitioners
Presidents and Executive Directors, Constituent
District Nurses Associations

FROM: Martha L. Orr, Executive Director

RE: 1986 NYSNA VOTING BODY ACTION AND RELATED INFORMATION

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2. 1987 NYSNA Legislative Program;
3. Resolution on Declining Enrollment in Professional Nursing Programs;
4. Resolution on Minority Recruitment into Nursing;
5. Resolution on Ethnic Minority Enrollment and Retention in Schools of Nursing;
6. Resolution on Assistance of Nurses Impaired by Alcohol and Substance Abuse;
7. Resolution on Gerontological Nursing Practice;
8. Resolution on Federal Subsidy of the Tobacco Industry;
9. Reaffirmation of Resolution re Nuclear War Approved by 1983 Voting Body;



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10. Resolution on Nurses' Rights re Assignments;
11. 1986 election results;
12. Roster of NYSNA Board of Directors;
13. Schedule of 1987 Board of Directors meetings and Policy re Open Board Meetings.

We have received several favorable comments about the execution of convention. We deeply appreciate your contribution to the success of convention, and welcome your continuing involvement and leadership.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the enclosed materials.

Best wishes for the holidays.

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Enclosures

cc: Board of Directors
Presidents and Executive Directors, ANA Constituent
State Nurses Associations, and ANA

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THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS APPROVED BY 1986 VOTING BODY

The 1986 Voting Body approved the Board of Directors' proposed discontinuation of the NYSNA Council on Certification as it is provided for in NYSNA Bylaws Article VII, Section 4.

This amendment was proposed to the Board for presentation to the Voting Body by the Council on Certification. The Board approved the proposed amendment.

The Voting Body concurred with the position of the Council and the Board of Directors that in light of the termination of the NYSNA Certification program the Council's existence as it is presently constituted is no longer required.

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THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

1987 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

- A. Enact entry into practice legislation which standardizes nursing education within institutions of higher learning, maintaining two careers, nurse and associate nurse.
- B. Repeal the exemption clause in the Nurse Practice Act which allows unlicensed personnel within the Office of Mental Health and the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to practice professional and practical nursing.
- C. Protect the Nurse Practice Act from inappropriate revision or amendment:
 - preserve the integrity of the Act
 - protect the scope of practice of all nurses
 - continue to affirm registered professional nurses' authority to provide primary health care services
 - maintain a single legal title for the practice of professional nursing
 - preserve the profession's authority to identify specialty practice, titles and credentials through certification and other voluntary self-regulatory activities.
- D. Pursue legislative and/or other means to obtain prescriptive privileges for nurses.
- E. Promote legislation to assist minorities to enter schools of professional nursing.
- F. Secure through legislative and/or other means the standard procedure of direct insurance reimbursement to registered professional nurses engaged in the provision of non-institutional health care services.
- G. Monitor and influence legislative measures dealing with the preparation and regulation of unlicensed personnel so that the nurse's legal responsibility for the appropriate delegation of nursing related activities is maintained and the health and safety of the consumer protected.
- H. Monitor and influence state and federal legislative proposals affecting health care issues, the public good and the nursing profession. Current support includes but is not limited to:
 - equal rights
 - pay equity and comparable worth
 - protection of the health of vulnerable populations
 - efforts to control domestic violence.

Approved by the NYSNA voting body 11/1/86

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THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION ON DECLINING ENROLLMENTS
IN PROFESSIONAL NURSING PROGRAMS
Approved by the 1986 Voting Body

- WHEREAS, a recent survey conducted by the Executive Committee of the NYSNA Functional Unit of Deans, Directors and Faculty, Nursing Education Programs, showed declining enrollments in all types of nursing programs;
- WHEREAS, the delivery of nursing care in New York State is dependent on an adequate supply of new graduates of professional nursing programs;
- WHEREAS, increased demands for sophisticated nursing of high quality require increased numbers of nurses with basic and advanced preparation acquired in professional nursing programs: Therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the New York State Nurses Association develop and promote recruitment efforts throughout New York State, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that NYSNA encourage Constituent District Nurses Associations to participate in developing and promoting strategies to increase enrollments in professional nursing programs, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that NYSNA set recruitment of students into professional nursing programs as a major initiative for its program activities.

THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION ON MINORITY RECRUITMENT INTO NURSING
Approved by the 1986 Voting Body

- WHEREAS, minorities continue to be underrepresented in professional nursing;
- WHEREAS, minority students in grade schools and secondary schools are frequently directed into non-academic vocations;
- WHEREAS, teachers, guidance counselors and others are generally ill-informed about nursing as a career;
- WHEREAS, the nursing profession will be enriched through increased cultural diversity of its practitioners;
- WHEREAS, the NYSNA entry into practice legislation will establish two distinct academic preparations for nursing, technical and professional;
- WHEREAS, the NYSNA entry into practice legislation will allow for greater career mobility than the current system of nursing education: Therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the New York State Nurses Association develop a strategic plan for the active recruitment of minorities and men into nursing, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the plan include familiarizing teachers, guidance counselors and others with correct information about the nursing profession, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the plan include various ways to reach grade school and secondary school minority students for recruitment purposes.

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RESOLUTION ON ETHNIC MINORITY ENROLLMENT AND
RETENTION IN SCHOOLS OF NURSING

Approved by the 1986 Voting Body

- WHEREAS, ethnic minorities continue to be underrepresented in the health professions;
- WHEREAS, equal access to higher education for all citizens is a fundamental belief of NYSNA;
- WHEREAS, an increasing ethnic minority population in the United States will create a demand for an increased number of nurses prepared to meet the health care needs of culturally diverse populations;
- WHEREAS, NYSNA has requested the National League for Nursing to require the inclusion of content on cultural diversity as an accreditation criterion for schools of nursing;
- WHEREAS, NYSNA is directed by its Action Plan to enhance the recruitment and retention of educationally disadvantaged students into baccalaureate and higher degree nursing education;
- WHEREAS, the NYSNA Council on Human Rights has worked extensively on strategies to assist disadvantaged and ethnic minority students in nursing;
- WHEREAS, the NYSNA entry into practice legislation offers two legitimate academic options for entry into nursing practice: Therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the New York State Nurses Association move with dispatch to establish target guidelines for ethnic minority enrollments in associate and baccalaureate programs in nursing based on actual regional population ratios, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that NYSNA develop strategies to promote the retention of ethnic minority students in associate degree and baccalaureate schools of nursing.

THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION ON ASSISTANCE OF NURSES IMPAIRED BY
ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Approved by the 1986 Voting Body

- WHEREAS, registered nurses who voluntarily surrender their licenses during treatment for substance abuse frequently exhaust their financial resources: Therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the NYSNA Board of Directors consider mechanisms which would assist these nurses.

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THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION ON GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING PRACTICE
Approved by the 1986 Voting Body

- WHEREAS, two major speakers at the 1986 Convention identified care for the elderly population as a major health care problem;
- WHEREAS, elderly people comprise eleven percent of our population and the number of elderly is expected to double by the year 2000;
- WHEREAS, governmental resources utilized to care for treatment of the elderly client are six times greater than those for the younger adult;
- WHEREAS, the present health care system does not adequately provide for care for the elderly;
- WHEREAS, the American Nurses' Association has identified care of the elderly as a major focus of health care today: Therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the New York State Nurses Association incorporate concerns related to the elderly into future legislative and program activities of the Association, and be it further
- RESOLVED that NYSNA foster educational and other activities which will enhance gerontological nursing practice.

THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION ON FEDERAL SUBSIDY OF THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY
Approved by the 1986 Voting Body

- WHEREAS, the use of tobacco has been shown to be a serious hazard to health;
- WHEREAS, NYSNA, through its resolution passed in 1984, has publicly discouraged smoking;
- WHEREAS, the Surgeon General has promulgated the concept of a smoke-free environment by the year 2000;
- WHEREAS, at the same time, federal subsidy for the growth of tobacco products continues;
- WHEREAS, the Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical Practice Unit has endorsed the concept of a smoke-free environment: Therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the NYSNA Board of Directors send letters to the President, the Surgeon General and New York State Senators protesting the continued use of monies to subsidize the tobacco industry.

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REAFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION RE NUCLEAR WAR
APPROVED BY NYSNA 1983 VOTING BODY
Approved by the 1986 Voting Body

- WHEREAS, the threat of nuclear war is the largest potential health hazard to the people of the world and is preventable;
- WHEREAS, prevention is the nurse's first intervention to promote health;
- WHEREAS, expenditures on nuclear arms and delivery systems conflict directly with providing resources for health care and human services;
- WHEREAS, on October 24, 1983 the New York State Nurses Association adopted a resolution wherein the voting body affirmed the 1982 ANA resolution acknowledging that there is no adequate response to nuclear war and called on ANA to support efforts for peace and disarmament beginning with a verifiable bilateral nuclear weapons freeze, and further wherein it was resolved that the ANA resolution with the NYSNA's voting body affirmation be sent to all elected federal officials from New York State and to the President of the United States: Therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that this voting body reaffirm its 1983 resolution.

THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION ON NURSES' RIGHTS RE ASSIGNMENTS
Approved by the 1986 Voting Body

- WHEREAS, registered nurses are individually licensed to practice nursing in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, and are legally responsible and personally accountable for their practice;
- WHEREAS, nurses' licenses may be jeopardized if they knowingly accept and perform in a role beyond their level of competence;
- WHEREAS, individual nurses have a professional responsibility to accept only those assignments commensurate with their qualifications;
- WHEREAS, the patient or client has the right to expect that nurses are knowledgeable of skills and services necessary to complete an assignment, and that as patient advocates nurses will act in patients' best interests in accordance with standards set by the profession: Therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the New York State Nurses Association recognize that individual nurses have rights regarding the acceptance and refusal of unreasonable patient assignments; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the New York State Nurses Association develop mechanisms to identify and support the nurse's ability to exercise her/his right to accept or reject an assignment.

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1986 ELECTION RESULTS

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THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 1986 - October 1987

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THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1987 MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday and Thursday, January 7 and 8, 1987

Thursday and Friday, March 5 and 6, 1987

Wednesday, May 27, 1987

Friday, July 10, 1987

Thursday and Friday, September 17 and 18, 1987

Policies Governing Open Board Meetings

Meetings of the NYSNA Board of Directors are open to Association members. The Board of Directors encourages membership attendance at Board meetings as a valuable means of understanding the scope of Association responsibility for issues confronting the profession, roles and relationships within the organization and Association relationships with other organizations.

Policies governing attendance at Board meetings include these provisions:

1. A member desiring to attend a Board meeting shall so notify the chairman of the Board not less than 30 days prior to the scheduled meeting date.
2. Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors shall be at the expense of the individual.
3. No more than 10 persons may attend a stated Board meeting. Should requests exceed this number, they will be accepted in the order received for the next scheduled meeting(s).
4. Members attending a meeting of the Board of Directors shall have no voice in or vote on the deliberations of the Board of Directors.
5. The dates, times and places of meetings of the New York State Nurses Association's Board of Directors shall be carried in REPORT, the official newsletter of the Association.
6. The Board of Directors retains the right to meet at any time in closed Executive Session should this be deemed necessary or appropriate.
7. The Board of Directors may, for circumstances deemed necessary, cancel and/or reschedule a meeting. Should this happen, every reasonable effort will be made to notify those who have indicated an intent to attend. However, neither the Board of Directors nor the New York State Nurses Association shall assume responsibility for any inconvenience or cost incurred by a member for failure to receive notice of the change in meeting date.
8. All policies pertaining to attendance at meetings of the New York State Nurses Association's Board of Directors are subject to change at the Board's discretion.